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City Council Meeting Monday, July 17, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to order: Mayor Bethune welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Mayor Pro-tem Campbell gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. Council Members: Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Bessie Kicklighter, Debbie Ruiz and Kim Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Ron Alexander, Planning Director and Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Benny Googe, Public Works Director. Absent: Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director.

Firefighter of the Quarter Presentation: Fire Chief Medeiros and Mayor Bethune recognized Firefighter Andrew Hornick as firefighter of the quarter.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to received public comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 6/19/17 and the workshop synopsis dated 7/10/17.

Staff Reports:

City Manager's Updates & Announcements: City Manager said Corbin Medeiros has been promoted to Fire Chief. Chief Medeiros was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief in 2016 and he has been serving as Interim Fire Chief since the City's former Fire Chief left to accept another job closer to family.

Mayor Bethune said I like it when we have employees that we can promote from within. He said I have heard good things about Chief Medeiros and I have the opportunity to see the Chief in action at a recent large fire in Garden City.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's report for the month of June.

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's report for the month of June.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's report for the month of June.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's report for the month of June.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's report for the month of June.

Planning Director presented the Planning Department's report for the month of June.

City Manager presented the Water Operations Department's report for the month of June. He said I would like to give you the second update on the aerator project. He said we are working with the vendors to secure temporary aerators for use for the remainder of the year while the permanent aerators are being fabricated.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's and Code Enforcement's reports for the month of June.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, Ad Valorem Tax Rate: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution of the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to set the ad valorem tax rate of Garden City for fiscal year 2017; and for other purposes.

City Manager said the City annually adopts the millage rate for transmittal to Chatham County. He said the resolution is to set the millage rate at 3.856 for the September billing. He said this is slightly down from last year's millage rate of 3.883.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Roberts Properties Eighth Amendment to Sales Contract & Addendum to Development Agreement: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver the Eighth Amendment to the Sales Contract between the City and Roberts Properties, Inc.

City Manager said this is an important milestone. He said the amendment carries us into the next phase of the Town Center Development project.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Bell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council
Accepted & approved by: City Council 8/21/17